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SUMMARY: DURING BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS ON CANADIAN DEFENSE
STRUCTURE REVIEW AT NATO HEADQUARTERS JUNE 26, CANADIAN SIDE
MADE STRONG APPEAL FOR WRITTEN US COMMENTS ON CANADIAN OPTION
PAPER DEALING WITH STANDING CANADIAN FORCES IN GERMANY.
CANADIAN PARTICIPANTS STATED THAT THEY DESIRE US COMMENTS ON
POLITICAL AND MILITARY IMPACT OF CANADIAN OPTIONS TO USE
IN JUSTIFYING DESIRE OF CANADIAN MINEXTAFF
AND MILITARY'S DESIRE FOR APPROPRIATELY BALANCED CANADIAN FORCE
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STRUCTURE. THEY ASSURED US PARTICIPANTS OF CANDIAN COMMITMENT
TO CONSULT MULTILATERALLY WITHIN ALLIANCE PRIOR TO TAKING
FINAL DECISIONS ON ANY SEGMENT OF DEFENSE REVIEW, AND TO CONSULT
FURTHER BILATERALLY WITH US ON MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST

WHILE DECISIONS ON SUCH MATTERS ARE STILL IN PRELIMINARY STAGES. US SIDE STRESSED NECESSITY FOR NOT VIEWING FORWARD-BASED STANDING FORCES IN ISOLATION FROM OTHER ELEMENTS OF CANADIAN CONTRIBUTION TO DEFENSE OF NATO EUROPE. US PARTICIPANTS WELCOMED CANADIAN ASSURANCES REGARDING CONSULTATIONS, AND ALSO STRESSED, BASED ON SECDEF'S VIEWS ON CANADIAN FORCES IN EUROPE, DESIRABILITY OF RETENTION OF MIXED LAND/AIR FORCE CONTRIBUTION , BUT DID NOT RESPOND POSITIVELY TO CANADIAN DESIRE TO HAVE U.S. VIEWS IN WRITING.

MISSION COMMENT: WE BELIEVE CONSULTATION PROCESS PROBLEM IS NOW BACK ON TRACK. ADDITIONALLY, DISCUSSION STRONGLY SUGGESTS THAT US VIEWS, IF PROVIDED, COULD GIVE IMPORTANT BOOST TO SUB-MINISTERIAL LEVELS OF MINEXTAFF AND MOD WHICH OPPOSE EROSION IN CANADIAN POSTURE IN EUROPE (SEE RECOMMENDATIONS PROVIDED BY SEPTTEL).
END SUMMARY.

1. DURING BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS ON CANADIAN DEFENSE STRUCTURE REVIEW AT NATO HEADQUARTERS JUNE, FOLLOWING WERE PRESENT: US; AMBASSADOR BRUCE, USMILREP ADMIRAL WEINEL, DCM STREATOR AND DEFAD LEGERE, AND MISSION OFFICER COMMANDER O'NEIL. CANADA; AMBASSADOR MENZIES, MILREP VICE ADMIRAL COLLINS, MGEN J. CHOINARD, MGEN H. MCLACHLAN, MINEXTAFF REP C. J. MARSHALL.

2. AMBASSADOR MENZIES OPENED BY RECALLING PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU'S INDICATION TO CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT (DURING NATO SUMMIT MEETING) THAT CANADA WOULD CONSULT ON CANADIAN FORCES COMMITMENT TO EUROPE. MENZIES THEN GAVE BACKGROUND OF CANADIAN REVIEW PROCESS. HE RECALLED SEPTEMBER 1973 CANADIAN DECISION TO INCREASE DEFENSE SPENDING IN ORDER TO ALLOW GROWTH OF INVESTMENT IN DEFENSE BUDGET FROM 11 TO 18 PER CENT. MIDDLE EAST WAR HAD KNOCKED CANADIAN ASSUMPTION OF 7 PERCENT ANNUAL DEFENSE GROWTH RATE "INTO A COCKED HAT." IN 1974 PRIME MINISTER DECIDED TO UNDERTAKE REVIEW OF CANADIAN DEFENSE TASKS TO FULFILL FOUR ROLES OF CANADIAN MILITARY ESTABLISHMENT. MENZIES DESCRIBED PROGRESS OF THIS STUDY: FIRST STAGE (IDENTIFICATION OF TASKS)
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HAS BEEN COMPLETED; PHASE II (IDENTIFICATION OF LEVEL OF FORCES NEEDED TO MEET OPERATIONAL CAPABILITY CRITERIA FOR FULFILLMENT OF THESE TASKS) IS PRESENTLY IN PROGRESS. ONE "PARTICULARLY URGENT" SEGMENT OF THIS PHASE IS TO ESTABLISH ROLE OF CANADIAN FORCES LOCATED IN EUROPE. URGENCY RESULTS FROM NEED SEEN BY GOC TO TAKE EARLY DECISIONS ON CENTURION AND F-104 REPLACEMENTS. HE SAID THAT CABINET DOES NOT WISH TO HAVE ONLY ONE OPTION FROM DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENSE IN CONSIDERING CANADIAN FORCE CONTRIBUTION IN EUROPE, AND THAT PUBLIC GOVERNMENT STATEMENT OF AUGUST, 1971 ON TANK REPLACEMENT WOULD, UNFORTUNATELY, CAUSE PROBLEMS. MISSION COMMENT: STATEMENT IS DRAWN FROM CANADIAN WHITE PAPER ON DEFENSE, PAGE 35, WHICH STATES CENTURION TANKS

WILL BE REPLACED WITH "A LIGHT TRACKED FIRE SUPPORT VEHICLE".
END COMMENT. CANADA WOULD NEED GOOD REASON TO DEPART FROM THIS
PUBLIC STATEMENT.

3. MENZIES CONTINUED THAT CANADA WANTS VIEWS OF US ON EQUIPMENT
OF CANADIAN FORCES STATIONED IN GERMANY. HE DESCRIBED PRESENT
STAGE OF CANADIAN PLANNING AS PRELIMINARY, STATING THAT NO
RESULT OF PHASE II STUDY IS IN EXISTENCE AT THIS TIME.
FRG AND US PERCEPTIONS WOULD BE HELPFUL AT AN EARLY STAGE,
PREFERABLY IN WRITING, SO THAT CABINET COULD BE PROVIDED FIRST-
HAND FRG AND US VIEWS ON POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVE CANADIAN FORCE
COMMITMENTS IN GERMANY. HE STATED THAT THIS IS NOT AN EFFORT
TO BYPASS CONSULTATIONS WITH MNCS OR WITHIN MILITARY COMMITTEE
OR DPC, WHETHER THROUGH NORMAL ANNUAL DEFENSE REVIEW PROCESS
OR THROUGH SPECIAL REVIEW PROCESS UNDER C-M(55)82 PROCEDURE.
HE STATED THAT AT THIS STAGE NO OPTIONS HAD BEEN SET DOWN FOR
CANADIAN FORCES OTHER THAN THOSE LOCATED IN GERMANY, AND THAT
WHEN LATER STAGES ARE REACHED, AND WHERE IT IS EVIDENT THAT
THE US HAS A DIRECT INTEREST, IT IS ALSO CANADA'S INTENTION
TO CONSULT BILATERALLY ON THESE POINTS. HE EMPHASIZED THAT
JUNE 26 CONSULTATIONS SHOULD BE FOCUSED ON FORCES IN EUROPE
AND HE STATED THAT FRG HAD GIVEN ITS VIEWS IN JUNE 25 SESSION.
HE CONCLUDED THAT CANADA WOULD WELCOME US VIEWS.

4. AMBASSADOR BRUCE ASKED HOW, EXACTLY, CANADA PLANS TO CONSULT
ON DEFENSE STRUCTURE REVIEW DECISIONS MULTILATERALLY. MENZIES
RESPONDED THAT CANADIAN DECISIONS OF THE TYPE REQUIRING
CONSULTATIONS HAVE NOT YET BEEN MADE. WHEN THEY ARE, CANADA
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WOULD CONSULT EITHER THROUGH ANNUAL NATO DEFENSE REVIEW
PROCESS OR THROUGH SPECIAL CONSULTATIONS AS NECESSARY. DR.
LEGERE POINTED OUT THAT DPQ(75) RESPONSES ARE DUE JULY 31
AND ASKED IF CANADIANS WOULD ANTICIPATE ANY DECISIONS PRIOR
TO CANADIAN DPQ SUBMISSION. MENZIES REPLIED THAT HE DOUBTED
IT, BUT EXPRESSED CLEAR PREFERENCE FOR USING THE NATO
DEFENSE REVIEW PROCESS RATHER THAN "A SPECIAL PROCEDURE
THAT ATTRACTS MORE ATTENTION". LEGERE INQUIRED AS TO WHEN CANADA
EXPECTS PHASE II AND LATER PHASE III TO BE COMPLETED.
MENZIES REPLIED THAT CANADIAN DEPARTMENTAL BUDGETS ARE NORMALLY
FINALIZED AT END OF CALENDAR YEAR FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING
FOLLOWING APRIL. SINCE "COLLAPSE OF SEPTEMBER 1973 PLAN",
DND HAS BEEN FUNDED ON AN ANNUAL BASIS. CHARLES MARSHALL
STATED THAT IT IS POSSIBLE FOR ANOTHER YEAR TO GO BY BEFORE
FINAL DECISIONS ARE FORTHCOMING. MENZIES STATED THAT GOVERNMENT
MAY TAKE DECISION ON ONE PIECE OF EQUIPMENT AND NOT THE
OTHERS; THAT IT WOULD BE VERY DIFFICULT TO PUT WHOLE PACKAGE
TOGETHER BY JULY. HE THEN REITERATED HIS DESIRE THAT DISCUSSION
FOCUS ON CANADIAN FORCES IN EUROPE, PARTICULARLY US POLITICAL
PERCEPTIONS OF THEM, AND U.S. IDEAS ON EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT
OPTIONS FOR 4ATF AND CENTAG FORCES.

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5. AMBASSADOR BRUCE THEN MADE OPENING REMARKS INTRODUCING
PAPER BASED REFS A AND B. TEXT FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT:

WE WELCOME THESE DISCUSSIONS AS A PARTIAL EXPRESSION OF
CANADA'S WILLINGNESS TO CONSULT WITH HER ALLIES ON HER CONTRIBU-
TION TO THE DEFENSE OF NATO EUROPE. WE KNOW THAT YOUR DEFENSE
STRUCTURE REVIEW IS IN MID-PHASE, AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO CON-
STRUCTIVE MULTILATERAL CONSULTATIONS PRIOR TO YOUR TAKING ANY
FINAL DECISIONS WHICH MIGHT AFFECT THE CANADIAN CONTRIBUTION.
WE WOULD INCLUDE IN THIS CATEGORY OF DECISIONS, AMONG OTHERS,
ANY INVOLVING THE REPLACEMENT OF MAJOR ITEMS OF EQUIPMENT. WE
WOULD MUCH PREFER, THEREFORE, THAT ANY DECISIONS TO BE TAKEN IN
THE NEAR FUTURE ON ITEMS OF EQUIPMENT NOW HELD BY THE CANADIAN
FORCES IN GERMANY BE THE SUBJECT OF FULL ALLIANCE CONSULTATIONS
PRIOR TO BECOMING FINAL.

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YOUR PAPER ADDRESSES ONLY THE CANADIAN CONTRIBUTION OF
STANDING FORCES LOCATED IN EUROPE. WE DO NOT THINK THAT THIS
CONTRIBUTION CAN BE FRUITFULLY ADDRESSED IN ISOLATION FROM THREE
OTHER ESSENTIAL INGREDIENTS OF CANADA'S CONTRIBUTION TO EUROPEAN

DEFENSE; NAMELY, GROUND AND AIR REINFORCEMENT FORCES EARMARKED FOR SACEUR, MARITIME FORCES EARMARKED FOR SACLANT, AND OTHER FORCES, GROUND, AIR AND MARITIME, WHICH COULD BE USED TO ASSIST IN EUROPEAN DEFENSE SHOULD THE NEED ARISE. WITHOUT KNOWING WHAT IMPACT SELECTION OF ANY OF THE THREE OPTIONS OR VARIATIONS WOULD HAVE ON THESE OTHER ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS, AND IN THE ABSENCE OF DETAILED COST, MANPOWER AND OTHER DATA, WE CANNOT PROVIDE A REASONED AND DEFINITIVE RESPONSE TO YOUR PAPER OF JUNE 18.

NONETHELESS, WE WELCOME THE OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE WITH YOU OUR MORE GENERAL VIEWS CONCERNING YOUR DEFENSE REVIEW, AND WHAT WE SEE AS ITS POLITICAL AND MILITARY OVERTONES:

- ALLIED REACTION TO THE REVIEW, INCLUDING OUR OWN, IS SURE TO BE INFLUENCED SOMEWHAT BY WHETHER CANADA PLANS TO REVERSE ITS DOWNWARD DEFENSE SPENDING TRENDS AND, AS A RICH COUNTRY, IMPROVE ITS STANDING IN THE TRADITIONAL MONEY AND MANPOWER MEASURES OF DEFENSE EFFORT. WE FEEL THAT THE REVIEW SHOULD RESULT IN PROSPECTS FOR REAL BUDGETARY INCREASES TO THE EXTENT NECESSARY TO BRING CANADIAN DEFENSE SPENDING AND MANPOWER UP TO LEVELS COMMENSURATE WITH CANADA'S STRENGTH AND RESOURCES.

- IN A SIMILAR VEIN, WE WELCOME THE PLEDGE OF YOUR PRIME MINISTER TO MAINTAIN A NATO FORCE LEVEL WHICH IS ACCEPTED BY YOUR ALLIES AS ADEQUATE IN SIZE AND EFFECTIVE IN CHARACTER. WE BELIEVE IT IMPORTANT THAT CANADA CONSIDER ALL OF ITS NATO-RELATED FORCES, NOT ONLY ITS STANDING FORCES IN GERMANY, AS FALLING WITHIN THE PURVIEW OF THIS PLEDGE. WE FURTHER BELIEVE THAT THE CURRENT NATO FORCE GOALS FOR CANADA ARE AN ACCURATE REPRESENTATION OF ALLIANCE EXPECTATIONS REGARDING ADEQUACY OF SIZE AND EFFECTIVENESS OF CHARACTER. IN ADDITION, OF COURSE, THE UNITED STATES ATTACHES GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THE ACCEPTED PRINCIPLE THAT NATO FORCES SHOULD NOT BE REDUCED, EXCEPT IN THE CONTEXT OF A MUTUAL AND BALANCED FORCE REDUCTION AGREEMENT WITH THE EAST.

- REGARDING THE CONSULTATION PROCESS ITSELF, WE EXPECT
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THAT CANADA IS PREPARED TO ENGAGE IN FULL AND FORMAL MULTI-LATERAL CONSULTATIONS WITHIN NATO, INCLUDING, AS NECESSARY, ASSESSMENTS OF PROPOSED OPTIONS BY NATO MILITARY AUTHORITIES, BEFORE FINAL DECISIONS ARE TAKEN. IN ADDITION, WE STRONGLY URGE FURTHER US-CANADA BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS ON ANY DEFENSE REVIEW RESULTS WHICH COULD AFFECT OUR BILATERAL ARRANGEMENTS. THESE LATTER CONSULTATIONS COULD EITHER PRECEDE OR FOLLOW NATO-WIDE CONSULTATIONS ON ALL AREAS OF CANADA'S NATO-RELATED EFFORT.

END TEXT.

6. MENZIES NOTED HEAVY EMPHASIS ON US DESIRE FOR MULTILATERAL CON-

SULTATIONS AND SAID THAT NO ONE SHOULD ASSUME IN ADVANCE THAT CANADS IS DODGING THEM. GENERAL MCLACHLAN STATED THAT US AND FRG HAVE SPECIAL INTEREST IN CANADIAN FORCES IN GERMANY, DUE TO POSITION OF 4 CMBG AND ASSIGNMENT OF CF-04 SQUADRONS TO 4 ATAF. MENZIES STATED THAT FIRST-HAND US VIEWS ON CANADIAN OPTIONS COULD HAVE SPECIAL IMPACT ON CABINET DECISIONS. AMB BRUCE REPLIED THAT US WELCOMED OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT, BUT BY SO DOING DID NOT WISH TO OFFEND ALLIED SENSIBILITIES. MR MARSHALL INTERJECTED THAT THERE HAD BEEN NO CRITICISM OF US/UK REPEAT US/UK BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS PRIOR TO ALLIANCE CONSULTATIONS ON UK DEFENSE REVIEW. AMB BRUCE REPLIED THAT THERE HAD BEEN SOME, BUT THAT IT HAD BEEN NECESSARY TO HOLD DISCUSSIONS IN THAT CASE. MENZIES CITED MILITARY ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR OF DEFINITIVE US RESPONSE: THE OPTION FOR INCORPORATION OF A NON-CANADIAN TANK BATTALION IN 4 CMBG MIGHT INVOLVE US FORCES; IF CANADA OPTS FOR AN ALL-AIR CONTRIBUTION, US MIGHT BE CALLED ON TO FILL IN GROUND FORCES THEREBY WITHDRAWN. HE REITERATED THAT CANADA WAS NOT TRYING TO BYPASS MULTILATERAL CONSULTATION, BUT TRYING TO GET US POLITICAL AND MILITARY PERCEPTIONS. AMBASSADOR BRUCE ASKED IF CANADA WOULD CONSULT MULTILATERALLY WHEN ITS DEFENSE REVIEW HAD REACHED TENTATIVE DECISIONS APPROPRIATE FOR CONSULTATIONS. MENZIES REPLIED, "YES".

7. GENERAL CHOUINARD THEN GAVE DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF CANADIAN OPTIONS AS SET FORTH REF C. HE NOTED THAT THE OPTIONS THAT INCLUDED GROUND FORCES COULD OR COULD NOT LEAVE ARMOR AS PART OF 4 CMBG. THE ALL-LAND OPTION WOULD RAISE 4 CMBG STRENGTH TO ABOUT 5000, WITH SAME STRUCTURE VARIATIONS FOR GROUND FORCES
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AS UNDER LAND/AIR OPTION. MENZIES STATED THAT CANADA WOULD WELCOME AN EXPRESSION OF US VIEWS ON COMPATIBILITY OF THE VARIOUS OPTIONS WITH US FORCES OPERATIONALLY AND ON PUBLIC PERCEPTION OF THE DIFFERING OPTIONS. HE ASKED IF IT IS IMPORTANT TO THE US TO HAVE CANADIAN GROUND FORCES IN EUROPE AND WHETHER OPTIONS FOR CONVERSION TO ANTI-TANK OR LIGHT AIR MOBILE ROLES WERE FEASIBLE.

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8. GENERAL MCLACHLAN THEN DESCRIBED OPTIONS INVOLVING AIR FORCES. HE STATED THAT UNDER THE ALL-AIR OPTION CANADA WOULD REPLACE ITS F104 AIRCRAFT WITH ONE OR MORE SQUADRONS, CONSISTENT WITH SACEUR DISPERSAL CRITERIA KEEPING IN MIND THAT CANADA HAS ONLY TWO AIR FIELDS IN GERMANY. DR DEGERE COMMENTED THAT ALL-AIR OPTION WOULD OBVIOUSLY RESULT IN A NET REDUCTION OF PEOPLE. MENZIES REPLIED THAT IT WOULD INVOLVE A MANPOWER REDUCTION OF POSSIBLY 1500 MEN. HE ASKED IF IT IS DESIRABLE FROM US PERSPECTIVE TO DECREASE PERSONNEL STRENGTH IN EUROPE WHILE INCREASING THE "PUNCH" OF THE CANADIAN CONTRIBUTION. IF THE US VIEWS SUCH A REDUCTION AS BAD, THE CANADIAN CABINET SHOULD KNOW THAT. MARSHALL STATED THAT HE COULD IMAGINE WHAT THE US ANSWER WOULD BE, BUT WOULD LIKE THE US TO SAY IT IN WRITING. AMB BRUCE STATED THAT HE WAS SURE THAT WASHINGTON WOULD CONSIDER BOTH THE POLITICAL AND MILITARY ASPECTS OF THE CANADIAN FORCE CONTRIBUTION IN EUROPE. HE ASKED ADMIRAL WEINEL TO COMMENT ON MILITARY ASPECTS.

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9. ADMIRAL WEINEL SPEAKING ON A PERSONAL BASIS, CAUTIONED AGAINST CONSIDERING CANADIAN STANDING FORCES CONTRIBUTION IN CENTER REGION IN ISOLATION FROM OTHER ELEMENTS OF CANADIAN COMMITMENT TO NATO EUROPE. HE STATED THAT SUCH CONSIDERATION MIGHT START AS AN EDUCATIONAL PROCESS FOR POLITICIANS BUT COULD THEN BECOME A BUDGET-CUTTING EXERCISE, WHICH, IN THE CANADIAN CASE, WOULD BE DISASTROUS. HE STATED THAT US RESPONSE, THEREFORE, MUST CONTAIN A CAVEAT TO ACCOUNT FOR IMPORTANCE TO EUROPEAN DEFENSE OF CANADIAN FORCES NOT PRESENTLY LOCATED IN EUROPE. MENZIES REPLIED THAT THIS IS A LEGITIMATE CONCERN, BUT THAT NOBODY IS LOOKING FOR BUDGET REDUCTIONS. HE SAID HE COULD SEE NO REASON FOR THE US NOT TO STATE THE CAVEAT, BUT THAT THE CAVEAT SHOULD NOT BE USED AS A REASON FOR NOT GIVING ANY COMMENT AT ALL. ADMIRAL RESPONDED THAT HE BELIEVED THE US DOES NOT WANT TO BE PART OF A SEQUENTIAL PROCESS BY WHICH CANADA STARTS UPGRADING ITS CAPABILITIES IN THE CENTRAL REGION, THEN CUTS IN OTHER AREAS IN ORDER TO FUND IT. HE STATED THAT ALTHOUGH US MILITARY HAS NOT STUDIED THE CANADIAN PAPER IN DETAIL, JOINT STAFF HAS REACHED TENTATIVE CONCLUSION THAT CANADA SHOULD, AS

AN ABSOLUTE MINIMUM, RETAIN WHAT IS ON THE CENTRAL FRONT NOW, WITH PROVISIO TO UPGRADE AND MODERNIZE IT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. HE STATED THAT CANADIAN OPTIONS REQUIRE THOROUGH STUDY, AND THAT IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO ANALYZE TRADE-OFFS BETWEEN ARMY BATTALIONS AND AIRFORCE SQUADRONS QUICKLY. MENZIES RESPONDED THAT NO SUCH ANALYSIS WAS NECESSARY FOR CANADA TO GET A US VIEW ON POLITICAL ASPECTS. HE STATED THAT FRG HAS GIVEN CANADA A WRITTEN INDICATION THAT BOTH AIR AND GROUND FORCES IN GERMANY MUST MAINTAINED. ADMIRAL WEINEL REPLIED THAT IF RESULTS OF CANADIAN REVIEW MAKES GOOD MILITARY SENSE THERE WILL PROBABLY BE NO MAJOR PROBLEM WITH THE PSYCHOLOGICAL AND POLITICAL ELEMENTS. MENZIES RECALLED THAT SACEUR VISIT TO OTTAWA, WHEN GENERAL HAIG TOLD CANADA TO MAINTAIN MIXED LAND" AIR FORCE IN THE INTEREST OF CONTINUED DETERRENCE. ADMIRAL WEINEL AGREED, AND STATED THAT THE BEST DETERRENT IS A GOOD MILITARY FORCE. STREATOR REMARKED THAT US, BY ENDORSING RECENT FORCE GOALS AND COUNTRY PLANS PERIODICALLY, HAD ENDORSED THE PRESENT DISPOSITION OF CANADIAN FORCES IN EUROPE, AND THE US ALSO STRONGLY FAVORED MODERNIZATION.

10. DR LEGERE SPEAKING PERSONALLY, COMMENTED THAT SOME ELEMENTS OF THE ALL-LAND AND AALL-AIR OPTIONS ARE EXTREME. FOR IN-CONFIDENTIAL

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STANCE, THE LARGEST DISCREPANCY IN NATO-WP CONVENTIONAL BALANCE IS IN ARMOR. PULLING OUT TANKS IN THE FACE OF THIS DEFICIENCY IS OBVIOUSLY NOT INDICATED. SIMILARLY, SINCE 4 CMBG SERVES AS CENTAG RESERVE, IT SHOULD BE BOTH HEAVY AND MIBILE TO MEET WP ARMORED PENETRATION. THIS STRONGLY SUGGESTS A TANK ELEMENT AS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE FORCE. HE CONTINUED THAT A STRONG CASE COULD BE MADE FOR THE POLITICAL VALUE OF CANADIAN FORCES "SHOULDER TO SHOULDER" ON THE FRONT LINES WITH GERMANS AND AMERICAN COMRADES. THE AIR CONTRIBUTION ROUNDS OUT THE FORCE AS AN INTEGRAL ONE. ADDITIONALLY, IT COULD SET AN UNFORTUNATE PRECEDENT SHOULD THE CANADIANS VARY THE NATURE OF THEIR COMMITMENT. AMB BRUCE REMARKED THAT ON HIS MOST RECENT VISIT TO CANADIAN FORCES, NECESSITY OF EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT WAS EVIDENT EVEN TO THE UNTRAINED EYE. HE POINTED TO LINK BETWEEN FORCE LEVELS AND MBFR, ADDING THAT CONTINUATION OF THE PRESENT FORCE POSTURE IS NEEDED UNTIL A MBFR OUTCOME IS DETERMINED.

1. MENZIES REITERATED HIS REQUEST THAT THE US PROVIDE HIM WITH A PAPER WHICH COMMENTS ON CANADIAN FORCES STATIONED IN GERMANY. HE ASKED THAT SUCH A PAPER REFER TO APPROVED NATO FORCE GOALS, REMINDING HIS AUTHORITIES OF MBFR COMMITMENTS AND IN A POSITIVE WAY STATE TASKS THAT US WOULD LIKE TO SEE CANADA PERFORMING. HE TOLD US PARTICIPANTS TO ASSUME THAT CANAD IS COMMITTED TO CONTINUING CONSULTATIONS ON ITS DEFENSE REVIEW AND HOPED THAT US COULD PRODUCE ITS RESPONSE IN TIME FOR CANADIAN CONSIDER-ATION VERY EARLY IN JULY. BRUCE

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